

# Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

| Event Name         | 8 May 2015 Severe Weather Event SITREP |
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| Date               | 06/13/2015                             |
| Time               | 0700                                   |
| Operational Period | 06/12/15 – 06/13/15                    |
| Report Number      | 37                                     |

| Regions Affected     |   |
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| DPS Regions Affected | 1, 2, 3, 5, 6                                   |
| DDCs Active          | 6-Tyler, 12-Austin, 16-Conroe, 16-Texas<br>City |
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## STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott issued Proclamations on May 11, May 15, May 25, May 26, and May 29, 2015, certifying that the severe weather, tornado and flooding incident that began on Monday May 4, 2015, has caused a disaster in many Texas counties. Therefore, the Governor of the State of Texas, has amended the aforementioned proclamations and declares a disaster in Angelina, Archer, Atascosa, Austin, Bastrop, Baylor, Blanco, Bosque, Bowie, Brazoria, Brazos, Burleson, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Clay, Collin, Comal, Comanche, Cooke, Dallas, Denton, Dewitt, Eastland, Edwards, Ellis, Erath, Fannin, Fayette, Fort Bend, Gaines, Garza, Gillespie, Grayson, Grimes, Guadalupe, Harris, Harrison, Hays, Henderson, Hidalgo, Hill, Hood, Houston, Jack, Jasper, Johnson, Kaufman, Kendall, Lamar, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Lubbock, Lynn, Madison, Milam, Montague, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Newton, Nueces, Palo Pinto, Parker, Polk, Real, Red River, Refugio, Robertson, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Smith, Somervell, Starr, Tarrant, Travis, Trinity, Tyler, Uvalde, Van Zandt, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Wharton, Wichita, Williamson, Wilson, Wise and Zavala Counties, authorizing mobilization of state resources to assist impacted communities. This brings the total number counties so far to 94.

The Governor requested and the President approved a Major Disaster Declaration (DR-4223) on May 29, 2015. This action ordered federal aid to supplement State, tribal and local recovery efforts in the affected areas, beginning on May 4, 2015. The President's actions makes federal funding available to affected individuals in Harris, Hays, and Van Zandt Counties. Federal

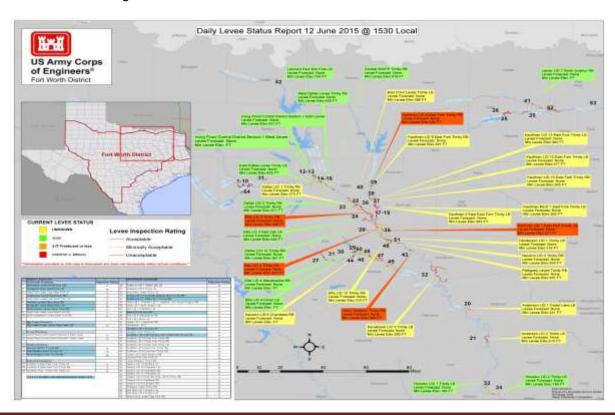
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funding also is available to State, tribal, and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by the severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds and flooding in Cooke, Gaines, Grimes, Harris, Hays, Navarro, and Van Zandt Counties.

Amendment No. 2 to DR-4223 was issued on June 9, 2015. Amendment No. 2 includes the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the event declared a major disaster by the President on May 29, 2015, and related determinations: Angelina, Archer, Atascosa, Baylor, Bowie, Burleson, Cass, Cherokee, Clay, Comal, Comanche, Fannin, Fayette, Garza, Gillespie, Grayson, Harrison, Hood, Houston, Jasper, Kaufman, Kendall, Lamar, Lee, Liberty, Lynn, Madison, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Refugio, Sabine, San Jacinto, Tyler, Uvalde, Walker, Wharton, Wilson, and Zavala Counties for Public Assistance. Bastrop, Blanco, Caldwell, Denton, Henderson, Johnson, Milam, Montague, Rusk, Travis, Williamson, and Wise Counties for Public Assistance (already designated for Individual Assistance).

TX Notice FLP-1043 was issued on June 3, 2015. Family farmers in the following Texas Counties may qualify for Farm Service Agency Emergency Management Loan Assistnace, in accord-nce with section 321(a) of the Federal Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act: Andrews, Blanco, Brazoria, Brazos, Caldwell, Chambers, Comal, Cooke, Dawson, Denton, Ellis, Fort Bend, Freestone, Gaines, Galveston, Grayson, Grimes, Guadalupe, Harris, Hays, Henderson, Hill, Hunt, Kaufman, Liberty, Limestone, Madison, Martin, Montague, Montgomery, Navarro, Rains, Smith, Terry, Travis, Van Zandt, Walker, Waller, Washington, Wise, Wood, and Yoakum Counties.

Individuals who sustained damage within the State of Texas during the May storms, may call **1-800-621-3362** to register with FEMA.



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Many lakes are full and releasing water according to regulations. Any rainfall that may fall over the next five days over Texas will not likely be heavy enough to produce significant runoff.

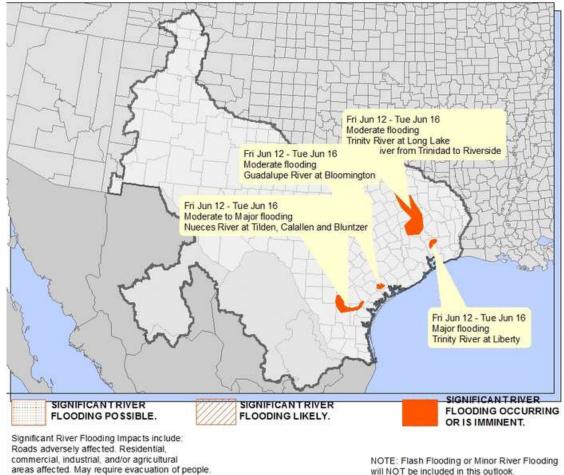


# Significant River Flood Outlook

Valid: 6/12/2015 - 6/17/2015

West Gulf River Forecast Center 6/12/2015 11:30:31 AM





# **Operational Priorities:**

- 1. Protect life and property.
- 2. Support rapid and effective response.
- 3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
- 4. Accurately, track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.
- 5. Maintain communication with impacted local jurisdictions.

**Region 1** (Includes DDCs 4, 5, 6, 22)

DDC 4 Garland (Includes Collin, Hunt, Dallas, Rockwall, Kaufman, Ellis and Navarro Counties):

Kaufman County: EOC is at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

**Dallas County**: A shelter in the City of Coppell housed 2 guests overnight.

**DDC 5 Mount Pleasant** (Includes Lamar, Delta, Hopkins, Franklin, Bowie, Cass, Morris, Titus, and Red River Counties): US-259 remains closed.

**Bowie County:** Bowie County EOC is at Level III (Escalated Response Conditions) and continues to monitor levee conditions.

Hopkins County: The Disaster Declaration, Letter to the Governor, and the DSO has been submitted.

**DDC 6 Tyler** (Includes Rains, Van Zandt, Henderson, Anderson, Wood, Smith, Cherokee, Camp, Upshur, Gregg, Rusk, Marion, Harrison, Rains, and Panola Counties): DDC 6 Tyler is currently operating at Level III (Increased Response Conditions).

**City of Henderson (Rusk County)**: EOC is at Level II (Increased Readiness Conditions) with minimal staffing.

**Van Zandt County**: The City of Van and Van Zandt County continue to work on debris removal and support ongoing recovery efforts.

Region 2 (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16)

**DDC 14 Lufkin** (Includes Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, and Tyler Counties)

**Houston County**: Disaster Declaration extension was submitted.

**Tyler County:** An updated Disaster Declaration was submitted.

**DDC 16 Houston** (Includes Chambers and Harris Counties)

**City of Houston (Harris County)**: A DSO, Disaster Declaration, and Letter were submitted. A shelter in Houston housed 36 guests overnight. FEMA opened two Mobile Registration Intake Centers (MRICs) in the Houston area to serve homeowners, renters, and business owners who sustained damage, resulting from severe storms and flooding. FEMA specialists and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) are on hand to answer questions and provide information on the types of available assistance.

**DDC 16 Conroe** (includes Liberty, Montgomery, Walker, and Waller Counties)

**Liberty County**: A DSO for Liberty County including the City of Liberty and the City of Dayton Lake was submitted. There are two shelters open in Liberty County with a total population of 32 guests. An amended DSO was submitted. The Trinity River flooding will be ongoing for at least the next week. Individual Assistance PDAs were completed with 11 homes destroyed and 15 homes with major damage.

**Walker County:** Individual Assistance PDAs were completed with 47 homes destroyed and 8 homes with major damage.

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**DDC 16 Texas City** (Includes Brazoria and Galveston Counties)

**DDC 16 Texas City is now at Level IV (Normal Operations)** 

Brazoria County: There is one shelter open in Angleton, which housed seven guests overnight.

**Region 3** (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, 24)

**DDC 19 Laredo**: (Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb, Zapata)

City of La Grulla: The DSO and the Letter to the Governor has been submitted.

Region 5 (Includes DDCs 1, 2, 3, 7)

**DDC 1 Amarillo:** (Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Def Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Harley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Potter, Parmer, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, Tandall and Wheeler Counties)

Hartley County: Updated DSO was submitted.

**DDC 3 Wichita Falls:** (Includes Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Montague, Wichita, and Wilbarger)

Wichita County: Updated DSO has been submitted.

**DDC 12 Austin** (Includes Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis, and Williamson Counties): DDC 12 Austin remains at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

**Hays County**: An Updated DSO has been submitted. A Disaster Declaration, DSO, and a Letter to the Governor were submitted. Hays County/San Marcos Joint EOC is at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions). Parts of the County are under a "boil water" notice. An updated DSO was submitted.

City of San Marcos (Hays County): There is one shelter open in the city San Marcos which housed 22 guests.

City of Wimberley (Hays County): The Wimberley EOC remains activated.

**DDC 17 Victoria** (Includes Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, Lavaca, and Victoria Counties)

**Victoria County**: Moderate flooding of the Guadalupe River is ongoing. The EOC is activated at Level I.

# RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

**Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM):** TDEM personnel continue to respond to this severe weather and flooding incident. District Coordinators continue to assist local jurisdictions that have been affected by the severe weather, tornadoes and flooding.

TDEM Disaster Finance Coordinator – Region 6 is assisting the SOC Finance Section with cost calculations for state agency response. Regional Disaster Finance staff have deployed to Hill County to assist with disaster cost documentation.

TDEM Disaster Finance Coordinator – Region 1 is assisting the SOC Finance Section with cost calculations for state agency response. Regional Disaster Finance staff will deploy to Dallas County on Wednesday to assist with disaster cost documentation.

TDEM Disaster Finance Coordinator – Region 3 is working with Starr County to assist with disaster cost documentation.

**Texas Military Forces (TXMF)**: TXMF Search and Recovery Team demobilized Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS):** TFS continues to monitor the situation and support operations where requested.

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)**: TCEQ Regional Office Staff continue to reach out to numerous counties that have been impacted and provide assistance with debris management guidance.

## **City of Denton Landfill**

The TCEQ DFW Regional Office approved the landfill's request to extend the operating hours for accepting waste at the City of Denton Landfill. If the landfill still has a need at that time for extended hours due to the disruption of services at the DFW and Camelot Landfills or the need to handle storm debris, another extension request will need to be submitted.

#### City of Midlothian

The TCEQ DFW Regional Office provided debris management guidance to the City of Midlothian.

# City of Terrell

The City of Terrell (Kaufman County) contacted TCEQ DFW Region office requesting to operate a temporary debris management site and conduct open burning. The proposed site location is at the closed City of Terrell landfill.

**TCEQ Public Drinking Water and Wastewater Updates:** TCEQ reports 17 Boil Water Notices (BWN) remain in effect for the following counties: Bastrop, Brown, Caldwell, Dallas, Hays, Hood, Liberty, Limestone, Rusk, Travis and Walker. Multiple Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSO) has been reported around the state due to flooding. Mallard Lake Club Public Water System (PWS 0200277) in Brazoria County, on June 3<sup>rd,</sup> two 900-gallon pressure tanks were lifted by flood waters. As of June 10, the water has not receded and the system remains offline.

**TCEQ Dam Safety Program**: Continues to monitor several dams across the State that have been impacted by the flooding conditions. Updates will be provided, as needed.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** Three roads remain closed across the State due to flooding or damage. See DriveTexas.org for updates. Debris management is ongoing. TxDOT has begun major infrastructure repairs.

**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)**: Monitoring remotely. Continue to respond to requests from local governments for vaccines.

**Texas Department of Insurance (TDI):** TDI has distributed information to media outlets and social media advising that consumers can get help with filing their insurance claims by calling the Consumer Help Line *800-252-3439*. Two insurance specialists have deployed to the Wimberley Disaster Recovery Center (DRC). TDI is prepared to deploy more staff as additional DRCs open.

Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA): TDHCA continues to coordinate resource delivery through its local Community Services Block Grant ("CSBG") program administrators, typically CAAs, which serve impacted counties to provide gift cards for gas, food, and essentials, and possible hotel vouchers. The local CSBG program administrator is working closely with the Red Cross and the VRC assisting with rents. Community Action, Inc., of Central Texas ("CACT") is working with the DRCs to direct displaced tenants of San Marcos Housing Authority managed properties to call HUD's toll-free line at 800-955-2232 for assistance. They also are providing a list of TDHCA-funded affordable multi-family property vacancies to households upon request.

**Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ):** Texas Department of Criminal Justice is continuing to monitor the Brazos River in Rosharon. TDCJ has no unmet needs.

**Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):** FEMA has received 9,343 Individual Assistance (IA) applications. IA funds have been approved for \$11.9M. Scheduled inspections are 63.5 percent complete. FEMA continues to encourage residents to register, especially those in currently undeclared counties, to provide insight into possible locations for future damage assessments. FEMA Mobile Registration Intake Center (MRIC): One is operational in Wimberley; two in Houston; and one in San Marcos. FEMA Disaster Recovery Center: One is operational in Hays County.

**Civil Air Patrol (CAP):** Patrol flights observed and noted sources of pollution and levee breaches. CAP completed 2 photo sorties, 1 communications sortie and 3 transportation sorties on Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. This brings the total sorties flown to 138, equaling 254 flight hours. Aerial imagery was transferred to the Mid America Geospatial Information Center (MAGIC) at UT-A. No CAP operations for Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> while Wednesday's imagery is analyzed at MAGIC.

**Texas Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD):** Texas VOADs have been active in several areas of the State, and continue to be a vital part of the humanitarian efforts in responding to the needs of impacted jurisdictions. They continue to provide feeding, hydration, sheltering, mud-out, damage assessment, chaplaincy, daycare, and other important services. They also provide hydration and feeding services to responders and volunteers who are responding to impacted areas.

The Texas VOAD Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at: http://www.dps.texas.gov/dem/sitrepindex.htm

Additional information related to Texas VOADs can be found at:

# https://txvoad.communityos.org/cms/home

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level IV (Normal Conditions). The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

## The four levels of SOC activation are:

Level I (Emergency Conditions) Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)

Level IV (Normal Conditions)

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem.

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